

**To:** Irizarry, Gilberto[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hodgkiss, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wed 1/22/2014 4:54:30 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: ACTION: Chemical Watch re: W. Va spill; ddl: noon on 1/24

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From: Bloomgren, David  
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:50:13 AM  
To: Garvin, Shawn; duteau, helen; Hodgkiss, Kathy; Jones, Jim  
Cc: White, Terri-A; Behringer, Caroline; Ryan, Daniel  
Subject: RE: ACTION: Chemical Watch re: W. Va spill; ddl: noon on 1/24

We can lead on getting statement out once finalized.

Thanks,  
David

-----Original Message-----

From: Garvin, Shawn  
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:49 AM  
To: duteau, helen; Hodgkiss, Kathy; Bloomgren, David; Jones, Jim  
Cc: White, Terri-A; Behringer, Caroline; Ryan, Daniel  
Subject: Re: ACTION: Chemical Watch re: W. Va spill; ddl: noon on 1/24

Helen - I am looping in David Bloomgren and Caroline Behringer on this request. I think the questions related to TSCA would be best handled by OPPTS, so I am also copying Jim Jones. I have circulated a copy of David's edits to the draft statement we prepared, and I am running it by Kathy and her folks to ensure that it is still accurate. We should look to get that out ASAP.

David - Are you taking the lead on distribution? I think all of the requests on the PPH issue came into HQ yesterday.

Thanks - Shawn

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From: duteau, helen  
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:28:15 AM  
To: Garvin, Shawn; Hodgkiss, Kathy  
Cc: White, Terri-A  
Subject: Fw: ACTION: Chemical Watch re: W. Va spill; ddl: noon on 1/24

Shawn,

I'll let HQ know we are working on a final statement. I mentioned the letter from SEJ at yesterday's RA meeting. I think HQ should respond as it was sent to the Administrator.

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From: Jones, Enesta  
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:23:33 AM  
To: Cohen, Nancy; Thomas, Latosha; Deitz, Randy; duteau, helen; Smith, Bonnie; White, Terri-A  
Subject: ACTION: Chemical Watch re: W. Va spill; ddl: noon on 1/24

I am writing a follow up story to the one we did last week on the West Virginia chemical spill in light of EPA's reported revelation that a chemical identified as "PPH stripped" was leaked into the water system along with crude MCHM. Environmental groups, such as the Environment Defense Fund, have raised questions on the spill and its aftermath and the EPA's response. I am quoting them in my story so would

like to have EPA's response to the following questions.

A materials safety data sheet for PPH stripped describes the substance as consisting of 100% "polyglycol ethers but withholds the substance's specific chemical identify as "proprietary."

Will the EPA use its authority under TSCA to compel disclosure of the identity of PPH. Section 149a)(3) of TSCA provides that CBI "shall be disclosed if the EPA Administrator determines it necessary to protect health or the environment against an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment."

In its response, Eastman Chemical Company claims the EPA has the authority to address concerns with specific chemicals even they had been grandfathered in 1976. Is the statement correct. If yes, does the agency propose to require testing and other data for crude MCHM.

Separately, the Society Environmental Journalists and another media organization have in a letter to the EPA Administrator charged the agency and the CDC with a "lack of openness during this crisis." Can you respond?

Link to letter (<http://www.sej.org/sej-spj-say-agency-media-obstacles-hurt-public-confidence-water-safety>)

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